This made me to resolve to cut some more stakes, and make me a hedge like this in a semi-circle round my wall (I mean that of my first dwelling), which I did; and placing the trees or stakes in a double row, at about eight yards distance from my first fence, they grew presently, and were a fine cover to my habitation.

XI. *Basket Making*

I sat within doors as much as possible during the wet months, and in this time I found much employment., for *I* found great occasion of many things which I had no way to furnish myself with but by hard labour and constant application. Particularly, I tried many ways to make myself a basket, but all the twigs I could get for the purpose proved so brittle that they would do nothing. It proved of excellent advantage to me now that when I was a boy I used to take great delight in standing at a basket-maker's, in the town where my father lived, to see them make their wicker-ware ; and being, as boys

usually are,
very anxious to help, and a great
observer
of the manner how they worked
those things,
and sometimes lent a hand, I had by
this means